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SUBJECT: EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE

REFS: A) EC BRUSSELS 1038

B) LONDON 6486

1. WE HAVE ALSO LEARNED FROM A MISSION SOURCE (SEE LONDON'S REPORT, REFTEL B) THAT THE ARAB LEAGUE HAS ACCEPTED THE EC'S FORMULA OF "DENATIONALIZED EXPERTS" AND THAT THE FIRST FULL SESSION OF THE EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE WILL BE HELD IN CAIRO JUNE 10-15. THE SCENARIO AS CURRENTLY PLANNED CALLS FOR AN INTRODUCTORY PLENARY SESSION ON THE 10TH WHICH WILL, AMONG OTHER THINGS, ESTABLISH SUB-GROUPS IN SUCH FIELDS AS FINANCIAL COOPERATION, INDUSTRY, AND CULTURAL COOPERATION. THE SUB-GROUPS WOULD MEET ON THE 11TH, 12TH AND 13TH, FOLLOWED BY CONCLUDING

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PLENARY SESSIONS ON THE 14TH AND 15TH.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE COMMUNITY IS ANXIOUS TO NAIL DOWN SPECIFICALLY PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE DIALOGUE THE PRINCIPLE THAT IT NOT BE USED AS A SOUNDING BOARD FOR CONTENTIOUS POLITICAL STATEMENTS--I.E. THAT THE PLO BEHAVE. EC COMMISSION DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL MEYER AND GALLAGHER, FROM THE IRISH FOREIGN OFFICE REPRESENTING THE EC PRESIDENCY, WILL MEET WITH ARAB LEAGUE SECRETARY GENERAL RIAD ON MAY 15 SPECIFICALLY TO SEEK SUCH ASSURANCES.

3. UNDER THE "DENATIONALIZED EXPERT" FORMULA, AS RECENTLY EXPLAINED TO US BY MEYER, NEITHER THE COMMUNITY AS SUCH NOR NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE IDENTIFIED EXCEPT AS "EXPERTS;" ALTHOUGH THEY WILL CLEARLY BE INSTRUCTED BY THEIR GOVERNMENTS AND/OR THE EC. MEYER SAID THE PRESIDENCY WILL ORDINARILY SPEAK FOR THE COMMUNITY IN THE PLENARY SESSIONS BUT THAT THE COMMISSION WILL PROBABLY ALSO SPEAK IN ITS OWN AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY. MEMBER STATES, WHICH WILL BE REPRESENTED BY MEDIUM-LEVEL OR JUNIOR OFFICIALS, WILL BE ABLE TO SPEAK. EFFORTS WILL BE MADE BEFORE AND DURING THE MEETINGS TO WORK OUT COMMON POSITIONS.GREENWALD

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